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## Police work to improve Prospect Corridor

**K**ansas City Police are working with several community partners to make the traditionally crime-ridden Prospect Corridor a safer place.

The Prospect Corridor Community Safety Vision program is part of the Kansas City No Violence Alliance (KC NoVA) and kicked off with a community event April 25. The two-year federal Byrne grant pays for several crime-prevention activities, one of which is to work with neighborhoods to reduce violent crime. That's where the Prospect project comes in. The targeted area is from 25<sup>th</sup> to 39<sup>th</sup> street, Paseo to Indiana. According to data, this 2.15 square miles is one of the most violent areas in Kansas City.

"We're doing a focused-deterrence model in that area alone," said Sergeant Garrik Haynes of KC NoVA.

Focused deterrence is a model used by KC NoVA that concentrates enforcement on chronic violent offenders in hot spots of violent crime. KC NoVA also will continue to offer social services to people on the Prospect Corridor and elsewhere in the city who want to leave a life of crime and become productive members of society.

KC NoVA is working with seven neighborhood groups and several other partners on the Prospect project, including Greater Kansas City LISC, the Center for Conflict Resolution, FBI, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, City of Kansas City, Mo., KC Metropolitan Crime Commission, Lucille Bluford Public Library and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Sergeant Haynes said the Prospect Corridor Community Safety Vision has two goals: to deter violence in the area and bring neighborhoods together. One component will be a neighborhood accountability board.

Overseen by the Center for Conflict Resolution, this group of residents will be charged with spearheading safety efforts in their



community. This will include meeting with youth accused of minor crimes in the neighborhood. In cooperation with police and the City Prosecutor's Office, young people who are good candidates for a diversion program can appear before the board instead of before a prosecutor. The neighborhood accountability board can decide what kind of work or community service the young person will have to do to make up for their crime.

Police also will be teaching residents of the Prospect Corridor about principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED includes everything from proper lighting on a home's exterior to the strongest types of door locks. And because they can be havens for criminal activity and blight on neighborhoods, the Prospect Corridor project also will pursue creative solutions for vacant properties.

KC NoVA staff will facilitate quarterly roundtable meetings with leaders of Prospect Corridor neighborhoods. They will work to bring together community development corporations, police, business owners and residents to develop strategies that will improve

public safety and quality of life.

Sergeant Haynes said police want the work to continue in the neighborhoods after the grant is up.

"The key is that when we move on, we leave them with that structure," he said. "We're embedded with them right now, but when we move on, we want the police department to just be a support element in keeping their neighborhood safe."

If the project works well on the Prospect Corridor, Sergeant Haynes said it could be expanded to other areas of Kansas City.

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# Entrant Officer Class 153 Graduates

Entrant Officer Class 153 graduated April 16 with 16 officers being sworn into the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, and eight sworn into outside agencies. Valedictorian of the class was KCPD Officer Andrew Gordon, and the Richard Fletcher Director's Award went to Blue Springs Officer Christopher Madland.



## High schoolers get CSI experience

As a state-of-the-art crime laboratory is constructed nearby, an innovative new program is teaching Kansas City's urban core high school students about forensic science and careers in that field.

Staff members of the Kansas City Regional Crime Laboratory are collaborating with the team that is designing and building the new East Patrol Division Station and Crime Lab on a crime scene investigation and forensics college and career exploration program. The firm Phillips-West Public Relations and Communications worked with Lab staff and others to design the program.

"Being able to give back to our community is important for the Crime Laboratory staff," Lab Director Linda Netzel said. "The nature of our job makes our impact rather invisible to the general public, but informing people about what we do is a rewarding way to give back."

The six-week program, CSI-KC High School Students Unit (HSSU), is taking place at Lincoln College Preparatory Academy and Central Academy of Excellence High School, which both are near the new Crime Lab at 27th and Prospect. It began March 24 and concludes April 30. The program features a combination of guest speaker presentations from KCPD's Crime Lab, Kansas City area colleges with

forensic science and criminal justice degree programs, related criminal justice careers and hands-on forensic exercises conducted by KCPD Lab staff.

High school students are learning to observe and record data, think critically and conduct tests to solve crimes such

as theft, vandalism, rape investigations and unexplained deaths. Forensic exercises covered in the program include finger print identification, blood stain analysis, chemical analysis and evidence collection.

"Our staff has wanted to design a more extensive program for students for many years, and we are enjoying developing this activity for the students," Director Netzel said. "It's a major

time commitment, but the more we get into it, the more exciting it has become."

Steve Evans, assistant vice principal of Lincoln Academy, said CSI-KC High School Students Unit has been a great opportunity for students.

"The interest is endless for our students, and opportunities to experience hands-on, is such an added advantage in career exploration," Evans said.

The sophomores and juniors participating in the program will be invited back to the grand opening of the Crime Lab when construction is complete this winter.





# American League champions?!

The Kansas City Royals honored four KCPD members for their work during the baseball team's winning 2014 season with an American League Championship Ring. After the players received their rings on opening day on April 6, the Royals presented Major Floyd Mitchell, Captain Todd Paulson, Captain Keith Kirchhoff and Sergeant Bud Choate with similar rings at a reception in the new Craft and Draft bar at the Stadium on April 9. They are the four supervisors of the Royals' KCPD off-duty staff who work security at games. Sgt. Choate is the longest-serving KCPD member – he's worked for the Royals for 28 years. He worked at the stadium as an officer during the 1985 World Series.



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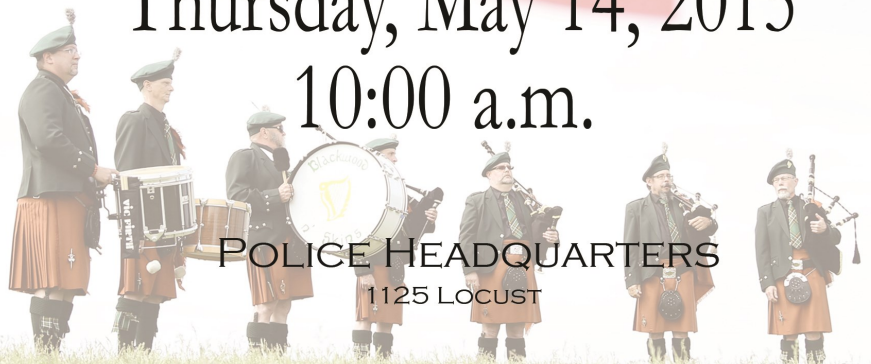


## Please plan to join us for the annual

KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Thursday, May 14, 2015  
10:00 a.m.



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To **HONOR** fallen officers in Kansas City  
who **GAVE** their **LIVES** in service to others.

## Upcoming Events

May 4  
**CARE Golf Tournament**

May 5  
**Citizens Academy  
Graduation**

May 14  
**Memorial Service**

May 19  
**Board of Police  
Commissioners Meeting**

May 22  
**Special Olympics Torch  
Run**

May 25  
**Memorial Day**

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## Officially Speaking

### Awards

#### ***Meritorious Service Award***

Retired Major Michael Corwin  
Officer Jason Quint

#### ***Certificate of Commendation***

Officer Josette Young

### Retirements

Officer Christopher Bumpus  
Officer Jessie Jefferson  
Officer Megan Pisani

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